

Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club

TARPON TALES

Club Member Newsletter

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August 2017

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Time to look South

Steve Johnson is stepping up in many ways. First, I'd like to congratulate

Steve for two releases in July. Steve recorded a release during our Team Hunt on July 8th. He then followed up with an additional release shortly thereafter. Good things come to those who

fish Don's Hole.

Steve will also be acting as President at our next meeting. I will be traveling to Indiana to fish an annual bass tournament at my Brothers lake. Please give Steve the respect that the office deserves. He will not be tweeting in advance of the meeting.

The battle for Angler of the year is heating up. Both Steve Johnson and Pete Maastricht have three fish followed by several other members with one release. Total releases should be around 12 for the year with eight anglers with releases. Our total for last year stood at 17 releases.

As I face reelection, I worry about our release numbers. Early indicators suggest my Presidency is in jeopardy. My cabinet suggest that the last quarter of the season should bring me relief. We can only see what happens. Historically speaking, when I travel to Indiana, RD calls me and tells me the fish have shown up off the Doubles and I need to get back. This has held true for many years. August and September has afforded us many years of great fishing. Start looking at Fort Myers Beach for bait and tarpon near the no wake buoys. In my mind, the season has just started. Late summer and early fall have always been productive. Don't sit on the sidelines, I'm getting reports that confirm its time to spend some time South.

The August schedule kicks off with a two day hunt August 12-13. And yes, feet on the dock at 4:00 Pete and Steve. Also, we have a one day hunt Saturday the 26^{th} .

In September, before our meeting, we have our three day Labor Day Money Hunt. Please sign up and bring your entry free to the meeting to be eligible.

Good luck out there and help me get my numbers up.

Kevin

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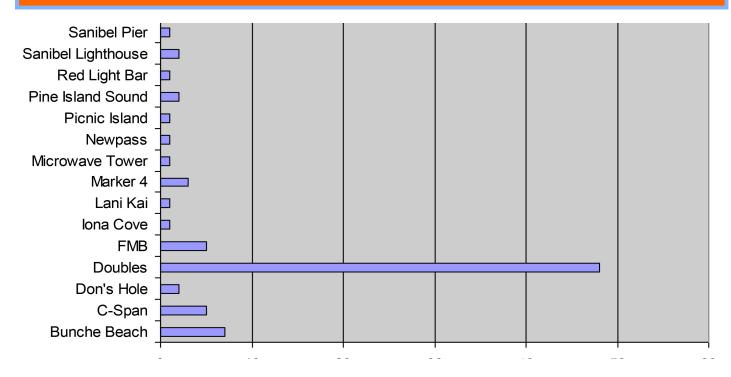


Current Fish Count 2017

| Rank | Name | Tarpon | Date of first fish | Time of first fish | Date of last fish | Captains pts. |
|------|------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Steve Johnson | 3 | 5/13 | | | |
| 2 | Pete Maastricht | 3 | 5/29 | 3:45 Pm | | 1 |
| 3 | Jerry Stephenson | 1 | 3/10 | 8:45 | | |
| 4 | John Zupanovich | 1 | 4/19 | | | |
| 5 | Warren Teigen | 1 | 4/30 | 8:45 Pm | | |
| 6 | John McDaniel | 1 | 5/12 | | | |
| 7 | Aaron Virnig | 1 | 5/13 | | | |
| 8 | Kevin Vertesch | 1 | 5/17 | | | 1 |
| 9 | | | | | | |
| | Totals | 12 | | | | |

Historical Catch Locations for the Month of August.

Thanks to Don Taylor



UPCOMING EVENTS

Two Day Hunt, August 12-13th weigh-in 4:00 pm Sunday at Bonita Bills
One Day Hunt Aug. 26th Midnight to Midnight
3- Day Money Hunt Sep. 2-4th Weigh-in Monday 4:00 pm at Bonita Bills

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A Special Thanks to Bill Semmer for his continued hospitality for letting us meet at Bonita Bill's.

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